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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I am responding to your letter dated April 22, 1989 addressed to John G. Wrede, President of the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company.

As we understand it, you are concerned that the reference to you on page 414 of Mafia Kingfish is inaccurate and you object to Mr. Davis characterizing his conversations with you as an interview.

Of course, we have no intent to harm your reputation or to cause you any distress and we do not believe we have done so. Whatever concern may have been caused by the reference to you on page 414 of Mafia Kingfish, however, should be resolved entirely by the change indicated by Mr. Davis in his letter to you dated April 19, 1989. That change removes any reference to "foraging" and does not contain anything which we believe to be inaccurate or untrue.

With respect to your concern about the characterization of your conversations with Mr. Davis as an interview, we have difficulty understanding how this is inaccurate or how it could be construed as defamatory to you. Indeed, Mr. Davis referred to his conversations with you as a note of appreciation. While we believe that this reference to you can only be considered to be a positive rather than a negative remark, we have asked Mr. Davis to remove your name from the Acknowledgments section. This change can be made only in future editions of the work but we currently believe that the change can be made in time for the upcoming paperback edition.

We trust that these changes satisfy your concerns.

Sincerely,

William P. Farley

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